

WV DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting
July 24, 2018
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV

MINUTES

Members present: Kenneth Accord, Doug Auten, Brandy Beery, Rhonda Blosser, Steve Brady, Angie Breeden, Callie Brill, Lesley Cottrell, Delmar Davis, Julie Dial, Tonya Eve, Lynsay Frye, James Gallaher, JaQue Galloway, Susan Given, Richard Hammons, Susan Loudermilk, Kristin O'Neal, Jacqueline Proctor, Wanda Proffitt, Pam Roush for Christina Mullins, Tara Roush, Jon Sassi, Matthew Wink, and Sheila Zickefoose.

Members absent: Patty Combs, Marc Ellison, Dawn Embry-King, Patricia Nisbet, Laura Sperry-Barno, and Rebecca Stone.

Staff present: Christy Black, Jim Cremeans, Linda Higgs, and Steve Wiseman.

Call to Order, Welcome: Angie called the meeting to order and reminded everyone that the newly appointed Members were present.

Introductions/Announcements by Members: Angie invited everyone to introduce themselves.

Mission Statement Reminder: Susan Loudermilk read the *Mission Statement*.

Approval of April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Lesley moved, and Delmar seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Approval of Designated Stipends: Jon reported out for the Designated Stipends workgroup. Other Members of the workgroup were Brandy Beery, Rhonda Blosser, and Rebecca Stone. Designated stipends are to assist people with developmental disabilities and/or family members with costs to be able to attend workshops. The chart with funding recommendations were included in Members' packets. **Jon moved, and Brandy seconded** the motion to approve stipends as follows:

The Arc of WV, People First - \$8,750

The Arc of WV, Youth Self-Advocacy - \$2,250
Autism Society of WV - \$4,750
Down Syndrome Network of WV - \$1,000
Fair Shake Network - \$2,500
Mountaineer Autism Project - \$1,500
BHFF, Families Conference - \$4,750
WV SenseAbilities Project, Family Engagement - \$2,000
WV SenseAbilities Project, BEST - \$1,000

Motion carried.

Approval of Renewal Grants: Steve Brady reported out for the Grant Review Workgroup. Other Members of the workgroup were Brandy Beery, Rhonda Blosser, Jon Sassi, and Rebecca Stone. The chart with funding recommendations and workgroup Members' comments were included in Members' packets. **Steve moved**, and **Richard seconded** the motion to approve the Arc of WV People First of WV grant in the amount of \$79,480 with the stipulation that the Council must re-visit funding if an Executive Director is not hired by the time the grant should begin (October 1). **Motion carried.**

Steve moved, and **Delmar seconded** the motion to approve the Fair Shake Network Cross-Disability Advocacy grant in the amount of \$24,000 with the stipulation they provide at least \$700 more in match to receive the \$4,000 increase in funding. **Motion carried.**

Steve moved, and **Delmar seconded** the motion to approve the Mountain State Centers for Independent Living State Plan Support grant in the amount of \$140,000. **Motion carried.**

Steve moved, and **Tara seconded** the motion to approve the Community Access, Inc. State Plan Support grant in the amount of \$230,000. **Motion carried.**

Approval of New Grants: Brandy reported out for the Grant Review Workgroup. The chart with funding recommendations and workgroup Members' comments were included in Members' packets. **Brandy moved**, and **Susan Given seconded** the motion to not fund the Global*Access Inclusion Project grant application. **Motion carried.**

Brandy moved, and **Jacqueline seconded** the motion to not fund the Job Squad, Inc. Customized Employment Workshops grant application, and instead, suggested

sending the information to the Council's Employment Workgroup to discuss with any other plans they have for providing training workshops. **Motion carried.**

Brandy moved, and **Tara seconded** the motion to fund the WVAPBS Network Improving Service Quality through Credentialing Standards grant application up to \$25,000, based upon the provision of an outline of timelines on the certification process, more funding being devoted to securing more personnel time, and some funding put towards evaluation, including a written report at the end of the grant year. **Motion carried.**

Approval of FFY2019 Budget: Copies of the proposed FFY2019 Budget were handed out and Steve explained the line items in detail. He advised Members that the process for spending Council allotments has been re-interpreted by the new administration, making it likely that in the future Councils will have two, rather than three, years to carry out activities and spend their funds. Any FFY2017 funding that is left must be obligated by October 1st, 2018. **Delmar moved**, and **Lynsay seconded** the motion to approve the budget as presented. **Motion carried.**

State Plan Updates: Jim reviewed the proposed State Plan updates that were previously emailed to Members. A copy of the State Plan was included in Members' packets and a sheet listing the proposed updates was passed out prior to the discussion. No substantial changes (amendments) were being proposed. He also reported the Executive Committee had met, reviewed, and approved the updates being proposed. **Lesley moved**, and **Kristen seconded** the motion to approve the proposed updates. **Motion carried.**

Employment Workgroup Report – Kristin reported on the Activities of the Employment First Workgroup. Notes from the July 18th meeting were included in Members' packets.

NACDD Conference – Members who attended the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities annual conference at Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland, July 11-12, 2018, spoke about their experiences. Those attending included Angie, James, Patty (not in attendance at this meeting), and Rhonda. Angie co-presented at the conference in a session titled, "Using Your Child's Skills to be Active in the Community."

Adjournment: **Jacqueline moved** to adjourn.

Following the business meeting, the Council began its retreat, continuing through the next afternoon. The retreat was titled, "Keeping the Promise," and was led by Julie Pratt and Jack Pealer. Members learned about the Council's "On the Outside" project from Julie Pratt. This project was completed 20 years ago following the closure of the State's last large institution. Jack Pealer showed the video, "Valuing Lives," followed by discussion. On Wednesday, Jack led a discussion on the background of institutionalization, followed by an interactive discussion on "Where Do We Go from Here?"